Dear Paul,

7/23/79

Apologies for being late. I had Rae check some files after getting your last but I've lost track and she's been away for several days and won't be back until next week. However, it is not forgotten. Merely that I have other time pressures and don't know what she's done.

Also, all is behind in copying. I don't want to forget to let you know that Oswald is filed in another pre-assassination, probbably USSR period, 105 file. It is 81258. It is to be copied for you when all can catch up.

In the King FOIA case we started deposing the FBI. Jim expected the first deposition to take an hour before we started planning it. We've gone two full days and will resume with the same one when we resume. As it turns out fortunately the DJ's lawyer had her vacation ending today. That gave me time to prepare much more for Jim, who also developed a severe pain for what just showed itself, a spur on a vertebra, apparently from whiplash years ago in an auto accident.

I was chugging along in the new preparations when first I was asked to give an affidavit to those who are suing in NY to prevent destruction of FBI files, Dave Wrone came here for several days in the middle of that affidaviting and an awful lot left my mind until I can get back into it.

There were a couple of press calls when the report came out. I think I referred one to you.

I have not forgotten the index copying. We just haven't been able to get to it.

Something else has taken a little time and will take a bit more. I go into it because you now have your own house.

A few who is well versed in such matters got himself a modern, high-effeciency wood stove for a large row house he has in Frederick. It turned out so much heat last winter he sold it and got himself a smaller one. This friend urged me, last winter, to get a fireplace unit on the ground that it would require much less wood and yield ever so much more heat for it.

After the difficulty I had handling some of the firewood last winter and the large quantity of it I consumed only to run out when snow lasted on the ground I made a few inquiries. Of course it gets much colder here than in the Bay area. But all reports not only confirmed my friend but it turns out that many people are doing this - from young people to old farmers. Rae's father, in northern Vermont, put in a wood-burning furnace last winter and heated their entire house with it.

Someone who owed us some money for a while repaid it the next to the last day before the end of a pre-season sale a week ago. So we went out and at $75 off got us a supposedly high-effeciency unit that is supposed to provide adequate heat for 1800 sq. feet. We'll see. The claim is for 70% effeciency. I'll be pleased with 50%. The claim also is that with modern, airtight design they also burn and get heat from the by-products of combustion.

I don't know whether this interest you, is practical for you or what firewood costs out there but my in-town friend bought firewood and was money ahead after the end of the winter...I have my own but am not using the chain saw for felling trees yet. Expected a friend to do this day before yesterday but it rained. Meanwhile, I'm accumulating what I can do myself.

There is more than the question of the price of fuel oil. There may be nothing individuals can do about the supply but anything they can do to reduce the demand is in the national interest. Also, for wht it is worth, when the first real crunch came several years ago we started winter thermostat settings of 60 and rarely let it get higher since. We found many health benefits from it. ...

They've finally given us street numbers. I've added ours to the envelope. Until we can get reflecting numbers and mout them on the mailbox it will probably be faster to use both that and Rt. 12. Rt. 12 will still get it here for a while but they'll phase that out and the clerks will forget when they sort at the post office.

Sincerely,